

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the rights and liberties we enjoy as Americans are protected by the vigilance of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, these brave men and women who serve or have served in our nation's military uphold the highest standards of civic duty, participating in combat duty and defending our homeland with professionalism, courage, and adaptability; and

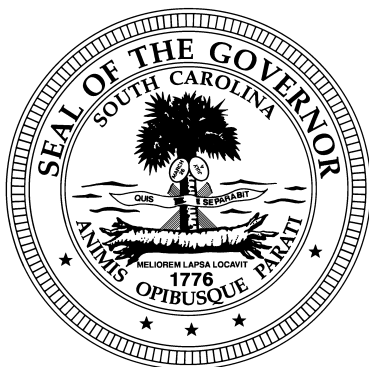
WHEREAS, the military presence in the Palmetto State contributes significantly to state and local economies, providing contracts, jobs, and billions of dollars in sales annually; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina is home to more than 50,000 active and civilian military employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2005, as

SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize with appreciation the men and women of the active military, our Guardsmen and reservists, and the many civilians employed in connection with these services for their valuable contributions to our protection and freedom and our state's workforce and economy.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA